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The following three "urgent" instructions were issued by the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party to its Central and South China Bureau on November 26, 28, and 29 1950:

1. November 26 instructions

"The Secretariat of the Central Committee herewith issues the following instructions with regard to its policy on aiding Korea and the problem of a world war. The Central Committee deals with these questions entirely separately. Under the Three-Nation Pact*, we (China) and Korea do not bear the burden of an air force mission, the main reason being that use of the air force might lead to a big war and arouse the fighting spirit in China which would hinder fulfillment of our five-year peace plan. If Korea had had an air force at the start of the war, she would have been able to bomb Japan, which would have led to a world war by this time. If we had had an air force, we would have used it to fulfill our policy*, which might have led to a world war.

"We have already demanded our allied nation's help in establishing four large air force groups, but this will not be accomplished until year after next. Then, even if America attacks our territory, this will not lead to a world war. This is contrary to what is expected. We are not going to fight their air force with our own air force. This Stalin has promised President Mao-- this concerns the Party's secrets, including scientific secrets, and our comrades should not discuss this matter.

"What the Central Committee is asking from you is only war-time construction and handling the bandits from Taiwan. As to the 'join the army campaign', it has reached its peak, and propaganda can be slowed down and stopped at an appropriate time. Our military strength in Korea is now enough to (?stop) American imperialism. If American imperialism wants a world war, the Central Committee tells you comrades in one sentence: it is to destroy Japan first.*** If you comrades firmly maintain three months' war-time construction, our President Mao can give you his guarantee."****

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2. November 28 instructions:

"As a precaution in case of a new world war, a thirteen nations' 'International Communist Party War-Time Cooperation Compact' has very recently been concluded under the leadership of our ally, the Soviet Union. The Communist Parties of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, and Spain are not included. In addition to the Chinese Communist Party those who signed the pact are as follows:

Soviet Communist Party
Mongolia People's Revolutionary Party
French Indochina Independence League
German Socialist Unity Party
Japanese Communist Party
Korean Labor Party
Czechoslovak Communist Party
Hungarian Workers Party
Albanian Labor Party
Bulgarian Communist Party
Polish United Labor Party
Rumanian Labor Party

"An assembly has been established under which there are two secretariats, one in China under our President Mao, and another in Poland under President Bierut. We are the main body of the pact, and the whole war-time responsibility rests with us."*****

3. November 29 instructions:

"Neither the all-out counter-attack, nor the big Pyongyang battle planned for next week will lead to a third world war. As soon as our volunteer armies go through Pyongyang, we will adopt guerrilla tactics instead of driving American imperialism's armies to the sea by a decisive battle--which would bring about strategic air attacks by American imperialism.

"In the meantime, with regard to diplomatic policy, the Soviet delegate in the Security Council will calm the international atmosphere with an 'avoiding gesture'*****. When this final all-out counter-attack is concluded, the Korean Communists will have their chance. In Eastern Europe, there will be indications of terror which will (?pull) American imperialism's forces into the longest battle-line of the world, and make them unable to do anything else. Such important points as these should not be disclosed in propaganda. Neither should outside propaganda on this subject be emphasized.

"Our ally, the Soviet Union, has already made preparations to control the enemy through a new air weapon which has never been used in the past. In our propaganda we should not mention anything concerning the atom bomb.

"In case of an emergency in dealing with the enemy in Taiwan, a fighting Soviet mission has been established in accordance with the Three-Nation Pact. Both Taiwan and Hong Kong are not only targets of submarine attack but are also regions for submarine (?warfare). In these regions no air weapons are to be used. Our comrades residing in these regions without specific missions there should withdraw from these regions at the earliest possible date.

"Our demand for the withdrawal of the United States Seventh Fleet and withdrawal of United Nations' forces from Korea does not mean we are going to invade Taiwan at once. You comrades should recognize this fact.

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"Classes in 'Patriotic Pact' and 'War-time Insurance' through which democratic individuals can maintain contact with the Party should be carried out well. These are important items in the study of current affairs, and it is important to stress them."

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** [REDACTED] Comment: These are presumably the USSR, China, and Korea.

** [REDACTED] Comment: It is not clear whether China's policy is to bomb Japan or both.

*** [REDACTED] Comment: That is, China's strategy would be to destroy Japan first.

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**** [REDACTED] Comment: Possibly this guarantee refers to specific requests made by the Central and South China Bureau.

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***** [REDACTED] Comment: There have been reports that China has the responsibility for establishing Communism throughout Asia.

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***** [REDACTED] Comment: Possibly "delaying" is intended with reference to delaying any action on Korea by the United Nations.

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